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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know, Sir, whether these drills are distributed districtwar? If not, will the Government think of distributing the drills on a districtwar basis in the future? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I am afraid it would not be possible to distribute the drills districtwar so long as we have so few drills. But wherever there is demand, we are trying to distribute it as widely as possible."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" May I know, Sir, the name, designation, etc., of the officer in charge of the distribution of these drills? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the Industries department allocates 75 per cent of the drills to the Agricultural department. Then it is either the Director of Agriculture for the whole State or the Deputy Director of Agriculture in his circle that attends to the distribution of these drills."

SRI A. SAMBASIVAM :—" டிரில்கள் சப்ளை செய்வதற்கு வரிசைக் கிரமமாக விண்ணப்பங்கள் கவனிக்கப்படுவதால், ஒரு தாலுக்காவிலிருந்து மற்றொரு தாலுக்காவிற்கும் ஒரு ஜில்லாவிலிருந்து மற்றொரு ஜில்லாவிற்கும் கொண்டு போகவேண்டிய அவசியம் ஏற்படுகிறது. இதனால் டிரில் செய்வதற்கான செலவைக் காட்டிலும், போக்குவரத்து செலவு அதிகமாகிறது. ஆகையால் விண்ணப்பங்கள், முந்தியது பிந்தியதாக இருந்தாலும், ஒரே ஜில்லாவில் அல்லது ஒரே தாலுக்காவிலுள்ள விண்ணப்பதார்களுக்கு டிரில்களை சப்ளை செய்ய சர்க்கார் அனுமதிக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, if the applicant has been waiting for a long time in another district, I do not think, it would be fair to keep the drill in the same district and supply it to another applicant in the same district who might perhaps be a recent applicant."

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of the Agricultural department taking over all the drills and also acquiring more drills in view of the very small number of drills now possessed by Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think it is necessary that the Agricultural department should take over the drills. We are trying to see under the present arrangement that we cater to the needs of the agriculturists as far as possible."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Will the Government confine the distribution of these drills to famine-stricken areas in preference to other areas, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I cannot give that assurance because circumstances vary. It does not merely depend upon whether the area is famine-stricken or not."

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Sri K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" இந்த டிரில்கள் கைத்தொழில் இலாக்காவின் கீழ் இருக்கின்றன. அதைப்போல சமுதாய திட்டங்களின் கீழும், டிரில்கள் புதிதாக வாங்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றனவா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, so far, there has been no proposal to have any special allotment for the Community Project areas."

Sri P. SELVARAJ :—" May I know whether these drills are stationed at one place or at different places in the State? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" They are certainly stationed at different places in the State."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know to what depth the drills can be used and also whether the drills are worked electrically or mechanically? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, these drills are generally worked mechanically and I remember to have answered the other part of the question the other day, that in South Arcot district it went up to 168 feet."

Visit of Hon. Ministers to Vriddhachalam.

* 184 *Q*.—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state— 10-40 a.m.

(*a*) how many Ministers visited Vriddhachalam taluk during the period from 1st to 16th August 1953; and

(*b*) the purpose of their visit and the amount spent from the State Exchequer on their tour?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House."

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know whether Ministers while on tour engaged themselves in election propaganda and may I also know whether it is not a fact that the Hon. the Revenue Minister was placed in an awkward and delicate position when he went on a tour of South Arcot district and had to address a crowd in favour of a candidate belonging to the Congress Party which party he had fought in his own election? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Hon. Dr. U. Krishna Rao attended the High Power Committee. That was the reason for his undertaking that tour. Regarding the Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker, he went on a private visit. He is entitled to do what he likes. Regarding whether he was embarrassed or placed in an awkward position or what effective reply he gave, I do not know. Perhaps the hon. Member was present at the meeting. He knows it much better than myself."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 340 infra.

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SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" தேர்தல் பிரசாரத்திற்காகவே மந்திரி மாணிக்கவேலு நாயகர் அவர்கள் போயிருக்கிறார்கள் என்று தெளிவாகத் தெரிந்திருந்தும்கூட சொந்த வேலையாகப் போனார் என்று மறுத்துச் சொல்ல வேண்டிய அவசியம் என்ன ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The word ' private ' means ' private ' as opposed to ' official '. I wish Sri Govindaswamy understands English. What I have replied amounts to this : The concerned Minister went on tour on a private visit. He did not spend Government money on account of that tour. That is the meaning of what I had said."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May we take from the answer given by the Hon. Finance Minister that the Hon. the Revenue Minister did not make an appeal in the name of castes to vote in favour of the Congress candidate when he was in South Arcot at the time mentioned in the question? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" What has that to do with this question? "

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Now that it has been admitted that the Hon. the Revenue Minister had been in the South Arcot district during the period mentioned in the question, I want to know whether it is not a fact that the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue appealed in the name of caste to the voters to favour the Congress candidate."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am afraid it is going much beyond the main question."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" கனம் நிதி மந்திரி அவர்கள் பேசிய இங்கிலீஷ் வார்த்தைகளை ஓரளவு நான் புரிந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" பூராவும் புரிந்து கொள்ள வேண்டும் என்பதை அவர்களுக்கு நான் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" சொந்த வேலையாக மந்திரிகள் போகும்போது சர்க்கார் உத்யோகஸ்தர்கள் மந்திரிகளைத் தொடர்ந்து கொண்டு போகிறார்கள். அப்படி இல்லாமல் மந்திரிகள் சொந்த வேலையாகப் போகும்போது சர்க்கார் உத்யோகஸ்தர்கள் அவர்களை பின் தொடராமல் இருக்கும்படியாக சர்க்கார் உத்தரவு போடுவார்களா ? "

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" On a point of order, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" As soon as the Hon. Minister finishes answering the supplementary question now put, the hon. Member may raise his point of order."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Before the Hon. Minister replies, I want to raise my point of order, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" All right."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" A specific answer had been given by the Hon. Minister for Finance that the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue went to South Arcot on a private visit. What